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## LOCAL CONNECTIONS READY FOR BREEDERS' CUP

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021)** – There are several locally-based connections that will make the journey to Del Mar for Friday and Saturday's Breeders' Cup World Championships. Here are the regularly-based Churchill Downs jockeys and trainers who will compete at the Breeders' Cup:

**Jockeys:**

- **Rafael Bejarano:** California Angel (Juvenile Fillies Turf)
- **Tyler Gaffalione:** Averly Jane (Juvenile Turf Sprint); Haughty (Juvenile Fillies Turf); Grafton Street (Juvenile Turf); Fast Boat (Turf Sprint); Firenze Fire (Sprint); and Got Stormy (Mile)
- **Florent Geroux:** Juju's Map (Juvenile Fillies); Turnerloose (Juvenile Fillies Turf); American Sanctuary (Juvenile); Coinage (Juvenile Turf); Commander (FR) (AE, Turf Sprint); C Z Rocket (Sprint); and Shedaresthedevil (Distaff)
- **Reylu Gutierrez:** Hidden Connection (Juvenile Fillies)
- **Brian Hernandez Jr.:** Tiz the Bomb (Juvenile Turf)
- **Julien Leparoux:** War Like Goddess (Filly and Mare Turf)
- **Ricardo Santana Jr.:** Hollywood Talent (AE, Turf Sprint); Silver State (Dirt Mile); Clairiere (Distaff); and Max Player (Classic)
- **Joe Talamo:** Giant Game (Juvenile) and Ivar (BRZ) (Mile)

**Trainers:**

- **Rusty Arnold:** Gear Jockey (Turf Sprint)
- **Steve Asmussen:** Echo Zulu (Juvenile Fillies); Silver State (Dirt Mile); Snapper Sinclair (Dirt Mile); Jackie's Warrior (Sprint); Clairiere (Distaff); and Max Player (Classic)
- **Bret Calhoun:** Hidden Connection (Juvenile Fillies)
- **Mark Casse:** Pappacap (Juvenile); Grafton Street (Juvenile Turf); Credibility (Juvenile Turf); Coinage (Juvenile Turf); and Got Stormy (Mile)
- **Wayne Catalano:** Aloha West (Sprint)
- **Brad Cox:** Juju's Map (Juvenile Fillies); Turnerloose (Juvenile Fillies Turf); Bubble Rock (Juvenile Fillies Turf); Ready to Purrrform (AE, Juvenile Turf); Shedaresthedevil (Distaff); Essential Quality (Classic); and Knicks Go (Classic)
- **Cherie DeVaux:** Tarabi (Juvenile Fillies)
- **Mike Maker:** Run Curtis Run (Juvenile Turf Sprint); Stolen Base (Juvenile Turf); and Special Reserve (Sprint)
- **Kenny McPeck:** Tiz the Bomb (Juvenile Turf)
- **Bill Mott:** War Like Goddess (Filly and Mare Turf); Casa Creed (Mile); Horologist (Distaff); Channel Maker (AE, Turf); and Art Collector (Classic)
- **Dale Romans:** Giant Game (Juvenile)
- **Joe Sharp:** Fast Boat (Turf Sprint)
- **Dallas Stewart:** Sequist (Juvenile Fillies)
- **Brendan Walsh:** Extravagant Kid (Turf Sprint)

Churchill Downs will have special post times on Friday (2 p.m.) and Saturday (1:45 p.m.) so the races coincide but don't overlap with a simulcast of the Breeders' Cup World Championships from Del Mar. Admission gates will open at 12:30 p.m. both days.

The simulcast of the 10-race "Future Stars Friday" card from Del Mar will begin at 2:55 p.m. and the Breeders' Cup will cover Races 6-10 (5:50-8:30 p.m.). Championship Saturday's 12-race program at Del Mar will commence at 1:15 p.m. with the Breeders' Cup on Races 4-12 (Breeders' Cup starts at 3:05 p.m.). It will culminate with the \$6 million Longines Classic (GI) at 8:40 p.m.

**MUCHO MADE 5-2 FAVORITE OVER BANGO, NECKER ISLAND IN SATURDAY'S BET ON SUNSHINE – WSS Racing and 4 G Racing's** speedy six-time winner **Mucho** was tabbed as the 5-2 morning line favorite in Saturday's 13<sup>th</sup> renewal of the \$300,000 Bet On Sunshine (Listed).

Run at six furlongs, the Bet On Sunshine will go as Race 10 of 11 with a post time of 7:20 p.m. (all times Eastern). First post is 1:45 p.m.

Trained by **John Ortiz**, Mucho won the July 31, \$100,000 Challedon Stakes at Pimlico. The 5-year-old son of Blame finished third in the \$250,000 Phoenix (Grade II) at Keeneland last out. Mucho worked a swift half-mile in :46.80 Sunday under jockey **Reylu Gutierrez**, who will ride from post No. 8.

Among his main rivals in the race is **Tamaroak Partners' Bango**, who has six victories beneath the Twin Spires.

"His record at Churchill Downs sort of speaks for itself," trainer **Greg Foley** said. "He loves this track and this race was a very logical spot. He ran a solid race last time (in the \$275,000 Louisville Thoroughbred Society) when he finished third."

**Marcelino Pedroza Jr.** has the mount from post 4.

Here is the complete field for the Bet On Sunshine from the rail out (with jockey, trainer and morning line odds): **Necker Island** (Mitchell Murrill, Chris Hartman, 3-1); **Long Weekend** (James Graham, Tom Amoss, 15-1); **Vertical Threat** (Adam Beschizza, Richard Baltas, 8-1); **Bango** (Pedroza, Foley, 3-1); **Rough Entry** (Brian Hernandez Jr., Rohan Crichton, 8-1); **Atoka** (Rafael Bejarano, D. Wayne Lukas, 12-1); **Sir Alfred James** (John McKee, Lynn Cash, 5-1); and **Mucho** (Gutierrez, Ortiz, 5-2).

The Bet On Sunshine is named after the former **Paul McGee**-trained 13-time stakes winning sprinter. McGee will present the trophy for Saturday's race.

**TV SCHEDULE** – Racing at Churchill Downs is scheduled to air on "America's Day at the Races" on the Fox Sports family of networks. Below is the current TV schedule:

- Thursday: 1-6 p.m. (FS2)
- Friday: 12:30-7:30 p.m. (FS2)
- Saturday: 12-6 p.m. (FS2)
- Sunday: 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (FS2) | 3:30-6 p.m. (FS1)

**DOWN THE STRETCH** – There was a \$49,747 carryover in Thursday's Derby City 6 that spanned Races 5-10. The Super Hi 5, in Race 10, had a \$7,292 carryover. ... Thursday is the first of two **Senior Days** during the Fall Meet at Churchill Downs which features a discounted \$24 ticket to Millionaires Row for seniors age 60 and up. The next Senior Day is Wednesday, Nov. 17. ... Sunday is **Military Appreciation Day** with free admission or a discounted \$29 ticket to Skye Terrace for active and retired members of the U.S. armed services. ... **"Inside Churchill Downs"** will not air Friday due to the Breeders' Cup World Championships. The show will return to ESPN 680/105.7 on Friday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m.

#### **ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK**

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